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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6204

BILL NUMBER: SB 159

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 1, 2005

BILL AMENDED: Jan 31, 2004

SUBJECT: Cruelty to Animals.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Lanane

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill requires a court to consider counseling as part of the sentence imposed on an adult or juvenile who has committed animal cruelty, and permits a court to order the adult or juvenile to receive counseling.

Effective Date: July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: (Revised) Under current law, cruelty to an animal is a Class A misdemeanor and a subsequent offense is a Class D felony. The bill would require the court to consider ordering an adult or juvenile who has committed animal cruelty, to receive psychological, behavioral, or other counseling, in addition to any other sentence. If the court orders an offender to receive counseling, and an offender can pay or has insurance to pay for counseling, there would be no additional cost to the county. However, expenses of indigent offenders would be paid by the county.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Counties.

Information Sources:

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